

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend the title as follows

~~FUEL TANK WELDING JOINT AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF OF FUEL~~

TANK WELDING JOINT

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4 as follows:

This application is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/084,657, which claims the benefit of and priority from Japanese Application No. 2001-56806 filed March 1, 2001, the content of which is incorporated herein by reference.